

The Newsletter of the Chester & District Amateur
Radio Society.

EDITORIAL. Greetings Chaps .

This being the second month of the year it would perhaps be timely to point to the success of one of the very sound schemes inaugurated by this club. I refer, of course, to the North Western Association of Radio Societies, of which our hard working Secretary, Bill Lloyd, has recently been appointed Permanent Secretary. This scheme is showing marked success due mainly to the hard work put in by our Chairman and Secretary.

If Members can recall the various items of the Treasurer's report for the Annual General Meeting, they will probably notice that over £13. was made on raffles. As our Membership is limited, the subscriptions do not leave the Treasurer much to add to the amenities of the club. It is necessary, therefore, to continue these raffles. To this end I appeal to any Member who may have some odd items for which he has no immediate use to bring them along, and so help us to add any equipment which we may find necessary.

Let us see the result of your 1952 Spring clean (we will even volunteer to remove the dust).

Well, that's all for now chaps,

Cheerio,
E.P.

Member's News. This month has brought us another new Member who we hope will settle in, and take part in the various activities. (I hear that Dennis Rickers has already booked him for the ' A ' Station in the N.F.D !) His name is Mr. Scarratt (I hope I have spelt his name correctly), he is an ex-Member of the Leicester club and has the call sign G3BNK. At present he is having difficulty in obtaining a house in Chester, but we hope that shortly he will have a permanent Q.T.H. By the way, for his and any other Member's benefit any help needed in the erection of aerials etc., is gladly given by various heavy gang Members ! (Just another aspect of our service to Members). John Chittock is shortly leaving for Canada where we hope things will go well for him, and that we will soon be hearing from him to this effect, preferably by the quickest route. We are hoping to have a big get together on the occasion of our Fourth Annual Dinner to be held at the Bars Hotel on April 4th at 7.30 p.m. (the closing date for tickets and payment for these is Tuesday 1st April).

Meeting Notes. - On February 12th., an interesting new type of quiz was tried out. This taxed the ingenuity of the many, though probably the snow outside was a bigger handicap. The following Tuesday we had a welcome return visit of Beeloy's Bargains, which provided an excellent means of obtaining cheaply those items which are now becoming scarcer and dearer every day. On the 26th, we had a talk by Ted Yates, the subject being his newly constructed receiver based on the Type 25 receiver. On March 4th, a general natter took place as nothing had been arranged, Phil Mullock (G3HPM) delved into the mystery of mathematics for everyone on March 11th. I can see him ending up taking over F.J. Camm's job before long, if he can sell a googol of "Practical Wireless".

"Oh the Air" by GW3HEU. Once more yours truly is back in the Newsletter as DX scribe and gossip columnist

The outstanding event of the past few weeks was undoubtedly when George, G3HLP raised a W2 early one morning on 3.5 m/cs. Congrats George ! Phil, G3HPM has now persuaded his modulator to work quite well, with the help of G3ATZ. Reports of "B.B.C. quality" have been received after tests with a gramophone record. I hope Philip does not start a series of " These you have loved !

c GW3HEU has been off the air for a while, during rebuilds, and while G3HPM has the Rx, which Phil and I have been testing for break in working ready for N.F.D. I wonder where John, 2YS has been during some of the DX bouts on 80 metres. Anyway, John, you need not worry because with 38 countries, you're about 10 ahead of Phil. Reg Wade, G3IRW has been heard both on 1.7 m/cs and 3.5 m/cs (? ? ? at the same time-ED) putting out a very nice signal recently.

Incidentally, I heard FA8BG at 5.9X.9 on 7 m/cs the other night saying "Am Q ST-ing 3.5 m/cs. He then went down to S5 on 7 m/cs and sure enough he was S9 on 3.5 m/cs ! Funniest thing was that when he called CQ -DX, scores of W's replied on BOTH bands. So maybe that's why that piece of DX does not always come back.

As you all know, your scribe is a break - in CW fiend, or as Howell says, a dirty great brass-pounder (We don't know whether he means the brass or the pounder - but let it pass !) The upshot is that I'd like to see all the Chester CW types working breakin - you chaps, don't know what you are missing. Anyhow, ask me about it at the next meeting and also don't forget those little bits of info., which I could use for the Newsletter.

73 GL.

Dennis GW3HEU.

TAILPIECE . Don't forget April 8th., there will be an auction so sort out the stuff you picked up at the last auction and the club can have another 10% if you persuade peacefully or forcibly somebody to bid for it.

Also, you are given two chances to show what you can do in the near future. Any equipment which you consider " good stuff" can be displayed at the club on Whit Monday for the Y M C A Garden Fete and also in the Electricity Showrooms next September, when we hope to gain some publicity and with that some converttees, to Amateur Radio by displaying items of interest connected with our hobby in the Showroom window N.B. (The identity of all T V I causers will not be disclosed if requested) .